

# SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT

**Authorization:** ss. 20.370(5)(bw) and s. 28.11(5r), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** \$200,000 annually from the forestry account of the conservation fund

**Objective:** Provide funding to promote sustainable forestry projects on County Forest Law lands.

**Eligibility:** Projects must promote sustainable forestry. They shall be consistent with the County's Comprehensive Forest Land Use plan and be short-term workload items. Counties must be in compliance, or working towards compliance, with DNR audit recommendations.

**Level of Assistance:** Determined by the DNR after each of the first two application periods (Aug. 15 and Dec. 1). First come – first served after Dec. 2. Grants are for a minimum of \$1000 but may not exceed 25% of the available funds in any one year.

**Priorities:** First preference is storm-related projects and hiring of temporary staff to address short term sustainable forestry workload items. Remaining qualifying projects are grouped under second priority.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Projects must promote sustainable forestry on County Forest Land. Grants are not eligible for land acquisition, permanent staff or benefits, upgrades to existing computer software and hardware or land surveying.

**Applications:** Sustainable Forestry Grant request deadlines are August 15 for the first application period and December 1 for the second application period. First-come, first-serve thereafter.

**History:** Initiated in 2002.

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